

# **GEORGE WOOD**

In the December 1917 School Magazine, the editors included a copy of a post card from Wood (8 August, 1917). He wrote:

*"Just a line to report that I am still going strong, and in the best of health. Am now first Lieutenant, and quite an old soldier. As yet I have not met any Old Grammar boys as they are in another Division. We shall all be glad when we are through and get on the return journey."*

Alas, George, like 36 other IGS Old Boys, would not make that journey. Instead, he died from battle wounds - from a shell blast to the chest. He was admitted to hospital on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 1917. Nine days later he died from a blood clot in the heart. He was buried with full military honours at Etaples Military Cemetery. Later, in the same magazine, an obituary to George was written:

*"News has been received of the death through wounds received in battle of Lieut. George Wood, a distinguished old boy of the Ipswich Grammar School. George Wood won the Queensland Exhibition, became a student of the Melbourne University at the beginning of 1895 and later took the degree of Master of Arts with honours in Classics.*

*He was not only a scholar of versatile genius, but a leader in all social matters, and was a very popular member of Ormond College. For many years he was an assistant master at Scotch College, Melbourne, and exerted a fine influence upon many generations of boys in that great boarding school. He was loved and honoured by his pupils and trusted by all.*

*There are many old Grammar School boys who will remember him in the early nineties. There are many of the younger men of Victoria who owe a great deal to him, and who will deeply regret that the call of duty has for him been the call to the supreme sacrifice. Lieut. Wood enlisted from Victoria, and was an old college mate of the present head master of the Grammar School."*



The War Graves Photographic Project

Date of Birth:	9 March 1876
Student Number:	692
Enrolment:	4 February 1889
Age Entered IGS:	13 years
Final Day at IGS:	December 1894
Unit:	58 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
Regimental Number:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant
Enlistment:	30 September 1915
Age at Enlistment:	39 years
Final Day of Service:	Died of Wounds 26 October 1917



Courtesy: Scotch College